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#### The Nicaragua Canal.

The exhaustive report made by Senator Morgan vesterday, on behalf of the Nicaragua Canal Committee, of which he is Chairman, included an earnest and convincing argument for early action without waiting for England's acceptance or rejection of the Hav-Pauncefote Treaty.

Answering the contention made by enemies of the American canal project, that the passage of the Nicaragua Canal bill in advance of a decision on the treaty question in London, would be a discourtesy to the British Government, and perhaps might be construed into a casus belli, Senator Morgan stated that the protocols agreed upon between this country on one side and Nicaragua and Costa Rica on the other, furnish a more complete casus belli than would Congressional action in passing the Hepburn-Morgan bill. The latter could not indicate more clearly the determination of this country to build the proposed waterway, irrespective of foreign objection or obstruction, than do the for-

sources are sincere, Lord Salisbury will very shortly announce his acceptance of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. It is possible, however, that he will wait as long as hemcan decently to see whether or not the Nicaragua Canal bill is to be passed and become a law at the present session. He may easily conceive that he would much prefer to have the treaty go into effect after the Hepburn-Morgan bill had been enacted. In that case, the treaty would be the latest legislation and would nullify anything in the other law conflicting with its provisions and conditions. Were the treaty to be ratified first, then the act of Congress would be of superior authority

There does not seem to be any hope that the British Government will rejec the Hay-Panncefote Treaty. If, however it should, the fact need make no differ ence to the Senate. We should be only thrown back upon the status quo ante, which could be immediately changed by a simple joint resolution of Congress declaring the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer Convention. After such gratuitous and humiliating concessions as we have made to the mother country in the tainly be absolved from offering more were these refused; and there is not the smallest danger that Great Britain would undertake war with the United States because the latter had finally mustered the independence and courage necessary to construct its own inter-oceanic canal without reference to the wishes or threatened interference of other powers. The Senate cannot too quickly act on the opinion of Senator Morgan, and proceed to Canal business

## Again the Chinese Puzzle.

On the basis of the news from Pekin today we are unable to discover much hope for an early settlement of the Chinese question, or a satisfactory one at any time. According to our latest information Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching are disposed to ignore the Empress Dowager's order forbidding them to sign the note terms agreed upon by the Powers and to treat the original acceptance by telegraph, attributed to Emperor Kwang Hsu, as fi nal and binding. We should have to know more about Mongolian character, menta processes, and motives than Sir Rober Hart to be able to say whether this com plication is what it seems or something

If the envoys decide to sign in spite of the Dowager Empress, that course may leave an opening for Chinese repudiation hereafter. If they conclude not to sign then there would appear to be no escape from a renewal of the war, an eventuality to be deprecated. One course would bring the allies at once face to face with the question of indemnity, over which they are certain to disagree, and possibly may quarrel; the other would involve military operations, joint and sev eral, which could hardly progress far in the present temper of the parties inter ested, without leading to extreme friction and not improbably something worse.

It is understood today that the State Department has become at length convinc ed that the Russo-Chinese convention concerning Manchuria is liable to become a very disturbing factor in future negotiations between the Powers. At the time of the Russo-American cut and scuttle episode the existence of such an agreemen either in esse or in posse was assumed by this journal, and it was upon that theo ry that we deprecated the sudden action of the Administration, without notice to our allies in China, and in the absence of Mr McKinley's regular advisers in interna-

We may concede the bona fides of Russia in declaring her intentions to withdraw from Manchuria should that course ever become safe. In the meantime, however it is sufficiently evident that with her railway interests in the province, and the necessity she feels for keeping an open line of communication between Siberia and the ice-free ports on the Laoting peninsula, present practical occupation of Manchuria is a matter of self preservation. Nevertheless, since it is occupation, and one that essentially involves domin ion, it inevitably raises the question of equivalent advantage in every one of the

Foreign Offices of the other Powers. Here is where the difficulty will arise and where the open door policy is menaced. If Russia is to have Manchuria, it makes no difference whether as a result of territorial ambition or of imperative necessity, we are hardly to suppose that Germany will not expect some concession in the way of land to make her position in the settlement equal; and the same may be said of Great Britain, France, and

Japan. The danger, then, appears to be aminent that all the leading European States may finally demand and receive easeholds, protectorates, spheres of in fluence, and other subterfuge titles to Chinese territory which, if acquired would leave the United States withou nuch, if any, share in the results of "peace." We cannot well accept territo rial indemnity, but, if partition should ! he outcome of the present tangle, there would not be any other kind of indemnity vailable. Doubtless we should be com elled to pocket our loss and, for a sec ond time, cut and scuttle from China.

The Asphalt War in Venezuela. The situation in the asphalt region o

Venezuela still appears to be as interest ing though possibly not quite as alarming as it was reported yesterday. Yet it is erious enough to demand the exercise of our highest and most splendid diplomacy, lads," on the other.

ournment of Congress, and so remains until it reassembles.

In any event, we are glad to learn that two of the three war vessels recently at existing ideas of battleship building." La Guayra have been sent about their business, and no longer advertise to the world the idea that the Administration s in partnership with one exploiting American syndicate, in its fight against mother, and is bullying a weak neighbor State in the interest of one of them.

For anything we know to the contrary, ooth the Asphalt Trust and its Warner Quinian-Sullivan rival may be equally and sale of asphalt. It is the purpose of modity as Rockefeller has monopolized essity. That being the fact, it is equally

fighting the Spaniards in Cuba. The comparison between wild and savage Kaffirs nd Matabeles and colored American regular soldiers will be recognized as of he nature of an unusually good British joke. We seem to remember that Great Britain was not always so sensitive or umane in such connections. If we are not mistaken American Indians were rather freely used to scalp American colnists in our war of the Revolution

An unfortunate illustration of the sad boy who although only eight years of age, when he died weighed two hundred and fifty-one pounds. He was a monstros-

Locate the Blame Properly. Locate the Blame Properly.

(From the St. Louis Republic.)

It will be well for the poople to keep plainly in nind that whatever delay of more important legis ation is caused by the fight over Hanna Ship Subdy bill, the fault is that of the friends of the measure, not of its enemies. A true representative of the whole American people cannot conscientiously favor this syndicates should grab. If danna and the syndicates force the fissue on the hip Subsidy bill it must be met. And that issue

#### "Fonor" at West Point. (From the Pittsburg Dispatch.)

tile elementary instruct re of a solemn pledge.

If may that the reductions in wages that are aunounced in so many places are made necessary by business conditions. It may be that the increase made last year was not justified by results. But was it quite fair to represent that high wages as depending upon McKinley's re-election, and then, when that had been secured, to cut them down? Silly.

(From the Peoria Journal.) The talk of an alliance of the South American epublics against the United States, which is now eing revived, is tomfoolery. As a matter of fact he South American republics are well aware of he fact that if it were not for the United States

## ENGLAND'S BIG WARSHIPS.

American Experts Fail to Find

Merit in Proposed Vessels. Announcement of Great Britain's purpo o build three battleships of 18,000 tons displacement each, and carrying heavier batteries than are installed on any warships affoat, has caused considerable inerest here among naval men, who are surprised that such a departure should be made in increasing the size of this type of ship in view of recent declarations that Great Britain's largest vessels here-after would not exceed 12,500 tons. Admiral Hichborn, the Chief Constructor,

nd others who have been associated with the building of the new navy believe tha no special advantages can be secured it such menster battleships, and that the in crease of tattery power will not justify the increased displacement, draft and engine power, with no appreciable advance in speed or defensive powers. It is assumed by the experts that ships of 18,000 on the one hand, and perhaps to employ the services on the ground of all the desperadoes out of the "Pike County Ballads" on the sibre.

Lake Felicidad, in view of the support which Washington is giving to the Asphalt Trust. But there seems to be some chance that the Warner-Quinlan-Sullivan chance that the Warner-Quinlan-Sullivan which which washington in the support of the support of the posterior to the first of the support of the suppor

phalt Trust. But there seems to be some chance that the Warner-Quinlan-Sullivan syndicate, which sholds the concessions to the Felicidad deposits, may with its own armed force proceed to oust the armed forces of the trust now in physical possession to the property.

Supposing the two American asphalt eximits and leadership, it might be better to let mature take her course" than for the United States to interfere at the present time, when Congress is in session, and ward on a foreign State in the interests of an American private monopoly, and for the destruction of a small American competing concern, might raise ugly questions, and involve international complications of a serious nature, if not an open clash with some of the family of nations.

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#### WATT MAY SUCCEED WHITE.

come British Chief Constructor. England's mast famous ship designer, after years of conspicuous service, has been removed from office because of mistakes made by his subordinates. Protably no naval architect was more videly known than Sir John White, the British

unworthy of Federal or other support or | Chief Constructor, an official with high onsideration. Until the matter between rank and large pay, but in the latter part them has been finally settled by the Ven- of his career troubles came upon him in the simple design of a royal yacht which has been the cause of his loss of prestige and office. Several months ago the \$1,000, that reason the writ was dismissed.

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An important and interesting decision was announced by Mr. Justice Harlan, interpreting what is known as the "fire" ezuelan Government, which, being the sov- the simple design of a royal yacht which try will be that, other things being equal, if encouragement is to be given to either contestant it should be to the one that promises competition in the production safe vessel. British officials were shocked that such a fault could be found with a

plans, it is hoped, that will in ture safety under all conditions. Sir John White will receive a pension and retire from service.

# SUICIDE OF A PROFESSOR.

#### A Brown University Assistant Hangs Himself in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Clarence D. Wood, a graduate of Amherst College in the class of 1893, and an assistant professor in English literature at Brown University, Providence, committed suicide by hanging him-Wood, in Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. esults of parental ignorance has just been He had been suffering from extreme meloffered in the death, at Anderson, Ind., of ancholia, or nervous debility, for several

and fifty-one pounds. He was a monstrosity. At his birth he had been given the elephantine name of "Grover!"

Brown several years ago, and had been promoted to the rank of assistant promoted to the rank of assistant prowas promulgated and they were there Brown several years ago, and had been promoted to the rank of assistant professor. When he came to Brooklyn for the holidays Dr. Dunn noticed that the young man was much run down in health, and was greatly depressed. He seemed to grow more cheerful, however, and returned to Providence after the vacation, much improved in health. As soon as he began his teaching again the old depression and nervous trouble returned; and his friends at the university decided to send him back to Brooklyn. He arrived there yesterday

anns and the syndicates force the issue on the Ship Subsidy bill it must be met. And that issue is to be forced in these closing days of Congress, an matter at what cost to the people, now seems certain.

MHitarism in Schools.

(From the Larayette Journal.)

A number of misguided people in different parts of the country are busying themselves getting up what they call schoolboy militia. Nothing more damaging to the boys of the nation can possibly be done. The man who makes of the attention of teacher and scholar for the interests of the military company. Soldier duy among men is regarded as to be avoided where this can honorably be done. The man who makes it a necessary part of a child's life is less than patriotic. He is a parasite.

MICONOR MET WEST Point.

A rather curious commentary on the much unted West Point "honor" is presented by the ct that all the cadets who have told of their riticipation in hazing practices must have violed their oatis, taken on entering the Academy, of their protect of a solemn pledge.

Another brother lives in Vermont. A friend of the dead man who knew him at Brown attributes his suicide entirely to overwork. It seems that he was extremely ambitious, and did a great deal of work outside of regular courses. He had in particular spent a great deal of time in preparing a series of lectures on nine-teenth century literature, which he was destrous of having completed by the first of the year. This extra strain seemed to of the year. This extra strain seemed to have shattered his nerves, and a Provi-dence specialist, who examined the young man, quietly told his friends that unless they could persuade Prof. Wood to take a complete rest at once there was danger of his losing his mind.

# How Long Must It Last.

republics against the United States, which is now being revived, is tomfoolery. As a matter of fact the South American republies are well aware of the fact that if it were not for the United States they would have no independent government.

Another Menace.

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

It is said that the ministry of the new commonwealth of Australia is expected to form on protective tariff lines. When all countries are "protected" by high tariffs, what will become of commerce?

How Long Must It Last.

(From the New York Times.)

Can the Administration give any encouragement to the hope that the war in the Philippines will be ended during the present year? It began early in February, 1899. It has lasted about two years. We have won many victories, we have killed a good many Tagals, and they have hild or captured a good many of our troops. We have not conquered them, we have not restored peace and order to the Island of Lifzon, nor inspired the natives with respect for our authority. The American people are plainly tired of this Philippine war.

# SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

An Important Decision Affecting the New Orleans City Debt. Among the opinions handed down by

he Supreme Court yesterday, just before the arrangement concerning argument in the Porto Rican cases was effected, were number of considerable importance.

The constitutional provisions and legis-

lation relating to the refunding and reiring of the city debt of New Orleans were the subject of an elaborate opinion of the court announced by Mr. Justice ision were these: Under a law passed by the Legislature of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans appointed a board of liquidation to conduct the operation of retiring and refunding the city debt, and for this purpose \$10,000,000 of bonds were placed in its hards the proceeds to be of New Orleans appointed a board of placed in its hands, the proceeds to be levoted to that purpose. To pay the new bonds a special levy was placed on the luplicate from the proceeds of which the bonds were to be redeemed as they fell due. This law was subsequently incor-Our latest accounts from the scene of trouble seem to indicate that the Vene-zuelan Government is hesitating to enforce the rights of its concessionaires to Lake Felicidad, in view of the support improvements.

Under this authority the board of drainage commissioners was established, and a system of drainage inaugurated. Con-tracts were awarded amounting to about \$2,000,000, of which \$80,000 has been paid

worked any impairment of their obligations.

In the case of Sumpter Turner Syndic, of M. Schwartz & Co., of New Orleans, vs. F. L. Richardson, receiver of the American National Bank, of the same city, Mr. Justice McKenna agnounced the opinion and judgment of the court to the effect that a receiver of a national bank may sue a debtor of his trust in a State back-Armstrong's Designer Likely to Be-

ter to construct its telegraph line along the right of way of the railroad company in North Carolina was disposed of by Mr. Justice Brewer, without settling it. The railroad company sued out a writ of error to the Circuit Court for the Western dis-

terpreting what is known as the "fire proof safe" clause in fire insurance poli-cles. Kearney & Wise, hardware dealers at Ardmore, Indian Territory, took out two policies in the London, Liverpool, & Globe Company, on their stock of goods, agree-ing in the policy to keep a set of books including an invoice, and store them in a that such a fault could be found with a convey leaves at all the blame was at once placed on the Chief Constructor.

Sir John White was detached from servition corps has always been antagonized by the line contingent, and while seniority in promotion is recognized, the Chief Constructor is usually taken from eight.

wood, in Brooklym, yesterday afternoon.
He had been suffering from extreme meiancholia, or nervous debility, for several weeks. It is believed that his condition was due to overwork.

Mr. Wood, who was thirty years old, was graduated from college with high honors, and at once began post-graduate work in literature. He secured a postifion at the corporations were organized by combination of taxes, but the court sustained the State courts in saying that taxes should be collected as upon property of individuals for the reason that the corporations were organized by combination or nervous debility, for several terms of charters are defined to certain commutation of taxes, but the court sustained the State courts in saying that taxes should be collected as upon property of individuals for the reason that the corporations were organized by combination or nervous debility. combination or consolidation of other cor-

strangled himself with a towel. Dr. Wood called in another physician, and everything possible was done to resuscitate the young man, but it was in vain.

Prof. Wood was born in Northampton, Mass. His father is dead, and his mother, who is an invalid, is at a health resort who is an invalid, is at a health resort of the Northern Pacific land grant, in Sarguant County, North Dakota. On June A 21. Emil Schultz, and wife, under contract with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company seized and entered into possession of the tract, but conveyance was not made until December 18, 1889. Hewitt's final in proof had been rejected by the land office

proof had been rejected by the land office in 1883, on the ground that the land had been withdrawn from entry under the land had been withdrawn from entry under the land grant act. In 1888 Hewiti applied for a review, and on the 25th of September, that year, Secretary Vilas reversed the decision against him and held the selection by the railroad company to the railroad company to several section against him and held the selection of the reverse of the revent Govern-Gans prizefight. The burlesque calls into use the entire company, and affords the vocalists an opportunity to sing some of the new songs portunity to sing some of the new songs to nerpet. was held to be that the withdrawal of the ands from entry was prohibited by secti 5 of the land grant act, and not having the warrant of law, "was not operative to de-ceat the rights of bong file adverse claim-ints under the general law of the United matinee every day.

# States, who settled on lands within such limits prior to the time when selection by the railroad had been made." Discordant Note.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)
"O mamma, buy me that lovely gown!
how it harmonizes with m. complexion!"
"My dear child, it would be entirely ou sarmony with the chiak M your father's surse."

### AT THE THEATRES.

Columbia-Henry Miller.

There was a bit of a sensation at th olumbia last evening when Henry Miller made his fourth stellar appearance in Washington in a new play by Madeline Lucette Ryley entitled "Richard Savage." There were those present who expected much and those expecting little. The lat ter were pleased in being disappointed and the former were justified in having their expectations realized to the letter "Richard Savage" is one of the stronges White. Briefly stated, the facts and de- plays of several seasons-melodrama though it is and will serve Mr. Miller as a competent vehicle throughout this and

> The mother's hatred pursues her son to his death, for in his last moments she de-nies him the privilege of an honest name. The death scene of Mr. Miller, by the way, The death scene of Mr. Miller, by the way, is a powerful bit of work, much superior to that of Mr. Mansfield as "Cyrano."
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> The company is support is even and uniformly excelle. Jennie Eustace is fine indeed, being a stranger now, though a favorite in the cays of the old Palmer Stock Company in the time of "Jim the Parmen" and ser role is but little infe-

Stock Company in the time of Jim Penman," and her role is but little inferior to that of the star himself. Louise Thorndyke Boucicault is good, the best she has been since "A Royal Box," and Florence Rockwell is generally pleasing, her

# Rostand's "L'Aigion," translated for the Frederick Clarke Withers Expires

and judgment of a national bank may that a receiver of a national bank may sue a debtor of his trust in a State bank-rupt court and sell collateral on his account without the special authority of the Comptroller of the Currency given in each case.

The controversy between the Southern The controversy between the Postal Tele-rupt of the excellence of "L'Aiglon," the theatre's seating capacity will certain the controversy between the Postal Tele-rupt of the succession of the size of the audiences that will be at the National during the remainder of the week, for, with the great popularity of Miss Adams and the excellence of "L'Aiglon," the theatre's seating capacity will certain the controverse of a national bank may be a debtor of his trust in a State bank-rupt court and sell collateral on his account without the special authority of the Comptroller of the Currency given in each case. the theatre's seating capacity will certainly be taxed. There will be only one matinee during the engagement, on Saturday.

#### The Grand-Vaudeville.

Persons who attended the performance of Hopkins' Trans-Oceanics at the Grand yesterday had nothing but praise to say concerning the bill. There have been so many traveling vaudeville combinations seen at the Grand earlier in the season that have falled to come up to expecta-tions that the merit of the present bill is all the more pronounced. A conserva-tive opinion of the attraction Mr. Chase's audiences will enjoy this week is the very best bill he has yet had this theatrical

year.

The programme is sufficiently varied to cessity. That being the fact, it is equally natural that the Administration should take sides with the trust, and that American public opinion should favor the party representing commercial competition.

A hundred thousand South African blacks, we are told, have offered their patriotic services to Sir Alfred Milner, to aid in suppressing the Boers. Our despatch says the offer was declined on account of the British principle that blacks should never be used to fight whites, notwithstanding the fact that the United with the required and the representation of the British principle that blacks would never be used to fight whites, notwithstanding the fact that the United with the required and while seniority in promotion is recognized, the Chief Constructor is usually taken from civil life, and has come in the past from some of the past from some of the famous designers of the Armstrongs, has been tendered the office, and will probably accept. Mr. Watt's present salary is said to be much larger than he would receive in the construction corps of the British principle that blacks should never be used to fight whites, notwithstanding the fact that the United with the required and which sand swept the territory intervening. The partners to preserve their books took them and swept the territory intervening. The partners to preserve their books took them out of the safe, it being afterward destroyed in the confusion the inventory was not the ground that the inventory was either lost or left in the safe and burned. The company resisted payment on the ground that the inventory was either lost or left in the safe and burned. The company resisted payment on the ground that the inventory was either lost or left in the safe and burned. The company resisted payment on the ground that the inventory was either lost or left in the safe and burned. The company resisted payment on the ground that the inventory was either lost or left in the safe, it being afterward destroyed to the safe, it being afterward destroyed to the safe, it b meet the requirements of an exacting pa-tronage and it is not marred by a single playing; the Hoopers roll hoops most demands have been formulated, though marvelously and by means of a rotary motion make the circle to describe all sorts of figures; A. O. Duncan one of the sorts of figures; A. O. Duncan one of the describe all sorts of figures; A. O. Duncan one of the sorts of figures; A. O. Duncan one of the sorts of figures; A. O. Duncan one of the sorts of figures are solved to the sorts of the design of the accused. A literal interpretation of the contrarts of insurance might sustain a contrary view, but the law does not require such an interpretation. The court interprets the contracts so as to do no violence to the words used and yet to meet the ends of justice." The judgment of the court below against the insurance company was affirmed.

The right of the State of Mississippi to tax the Yazoo and Mississippi valley Railroad, the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad, the Canton, Aberdeen and Nashvilie Railroad, and the Illinois Central Railroad in that State of Mississipped and cannot fund the property few meritorious ventriloquists provides considerable laughter and good entertainment with his quartette of dummies; Frank Buoman and Rose Adele have a bright comedy sketch in which they are seen to much advantage; Bessie Munroe, a singer and contortionistic dancer, sings well and dances well enough to win several encores; Barnes and Sisson in a sketch called "The Mysterious Pill," sing a number of coon songs in a manner that recalls Clarice Vance and create much fun with their trayesty work. Clarice trayesty work of the resident manager at Louisville, as follows:

An increase of 25 cents per 190 pounds for stemming; that the custom of searching employes upon leaving the factory be abandoned; right to go out to luncheon, they being now held prisoners in the factory from the time they go to work in the morning until they quit in the evening; that the system of educting from the rounding of the custom of searching employes upon leaving the factory be abandoned; right to go out to luncheon, they being now held prisoners in the factory from the time they go to work in they are seen to much advantage; Bessie Munroe, a singer and contortionistic dancer, sings well and dances well enough to win several encores; Barnes and Sisson in a sketch called "The Mysterious Pill," sing a number of coon songs in a manner that recalls Clarice Theolean and Contortionistic dancer, sings well and dances well enough th Vance and create much fun with their travesty work; Clayton and Jenkins, asan unusually good black face knockabout turn that brings the performan successful finish. Matinee daily.

## The Lafayette-"Friends." The Lafayette Stock Company last night

revived Edwin Milton Royle's charming play, "Friends," before an audience of generous size and appreciative mood. The piece may be said to be a little strange to Washington, as it has not been given for some six or seven years, when it was presented by Mr. Royle and his wife, Selina Fetter. It is an interesting story. couched in pretty language, and tells of the love of two friends for the same wo-man. Of course the inevitable happens, one man wins the girl, while the other goes through life alone.

Eugene Ormonde plays John Paden, Jr a poet, and has many opportunities for quiet but effective work as the self-sac-rificing friend, while John T. Sullivan does a splendid piece of acting as Hans Otto, the opium fiend, father guerite. The death tableau is very realistic. Charles Wyngate is excellent as Adrian Karje, the musician, and Robert Rogers handles the role of Paden, Sr., very cleverly. Walter Craven plays Harlold Hunting, the villain, and Frederic Sullivan is Henry a scarce of the control Sullivan is Henry, a servant. Miss Has-well is charming in the role of Marguer-ite Otto, the prima donna, and sings Tosti's "Good-bye" very effectively. Miss Kruger, Miss Neilsen and Miss Field are seen in small parts. The usual matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday

#### Kernan's-"The Morning Glories." The attraction this week at Kernan's is Scribner's "Morning Glories," and their efforts at yesterday's two performances

efforts at yesterday's two performances were well received by large audiences. The burlesques were entitled the "The Blue Bells of Broadway" and "A Gay Reception," and are used to open and close the entertainment, respectively. The alio is furnished by Dryden and Leslie, Kherns and Cole: Judge and Smith McCabe and

portunity to sing some of the new songs of the day and the comedians to perpetlate some business that is in the repe toire of almost every other funny man is the burlesque business. There will b

# The Bijon-Sam T. Jack's Show.

Sam T. Jack has been dead these many nonths, but his name appears at the head of traveling burlesque organization with a regularity that would lead one to elieve that the manager is still on earth. out of 's coin The present Jack show, which is the cur-rent offering at the Bijou, is headed by Mabel Hazelton, who sings songs of an

uncertain age and appears in the star parts in the burlesques, and after the performance is recognized as the owner of the

The present organization is much better har the one Miss Hazleton brought to Washington several months ago, and beides the star the entertainment ributed by Lew Hawkins. Pete Griffin, Luiu Darrell, Hoyt and Neff, James and Flora Simpson, Mlle. Beatrice, Julia Na-tus, and Wallace and Alien. The Sam T. Jack series of living pictures is a fea-ture of the bill and requires the services of most of the feminine members of the company. A burlesque on the Sapho trial of last spring is used to close the performance. Matinees daily.

#### The Academy of Music - "The Still Alarm."

A large house at the Academy of Music last night found Harry Lacy as handsome as ever in his original part of Jack Manley, and "The Still Alarm" as good a play as when it was first presented. There have been numerous additions to the piece to bring it right up to the moment, one of which, in the second act, allows of the vivid representation of a fire company re-ceiving an alarm of fire, making the run to a burning building and throwing a stream of real water on the flames, all of which is accomplished by the aid of a of which is accomplished by the aid of a panorama and a treadmill. The effect is decidedly realistic, and last night's Academy audience could not have enough of it. The company that is seen in "The Still Alarm" is one of the best that has yet been seen in a melodrama at the Academy. Frank C. Bangs, the old-time player, than whom there are few better actors on the native stage, is perhaps the best known member of the organization, but the work throughout is excellent. Among the work throughout is excellent. Among those who came in for a large share of the praise last evening were Lynn Pratt Elizabeth Baker, Belle Gold, Herbert Bre non, and C. K. French. There matinees Thursday and Saturday. There will be

# A NOTED ARCHITECT DEAD.

at Yonkers, N. Y. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Frederick Clarke Withers, the well-known architect, died at his home in Yonkers, yesterday, in the seventy-third year of his age. Mr. Withers was born at Shepton Mallet, Somer-set, England, and was educated at King Edward's School, Sherborne, Dorsetshire, After pursuing his architectural studies in London and other places for eight rs. in 1853 he came to America: He irst practiced architecture in Newburg.
At the beginning of the civil war he joined the army as first lieutenant in the New York Volunteer Engineers. He was New York Volunteer Engineers. He was injured in service in 1882, and returned a year later to this city, where he took up his calling. In 1857 he married Emily A. De Wint, a relative of John and Cuincy Adams. She died in 1863. His second wife was Beulah Alice, daughter of the Park Dr. Hisbee and a great-grandniege. Rev. Dr. Higbee and a great-grandniece of Martha Washington. She died in 1888. 'Among the buildings designed by him

are the Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsic; the Deaf Mute College, at Washington, and the Jefferson Market Court House and prison, which was decided by a vote of architects to be one of the ten best built buildings in Ameri-ca. He also designed the Astor reredos and the rear building of Trinity Church, the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, on Blackwell's Island; the Vassar Hospital, at Poughkeepsie; the New York City Asylum for the Insane, at Central Islip, Long Island, and a number of churches. He was the author of "Withers' Church Ar-

Mr. Withers had lived in Yonkers for twenty years. He was a member of the Century Club and a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Four daughters and one son survive him. His son, Creighton Withers, is a Newport archi-tect. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at St. Paul's Church,

# TOBACCO STRIKE THREATENED.

Demands of the Employes of the Continental Company. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—The threatened

strike of the tobacco stemmers can only novel feats that have never before been witnessed on the Grand stage and which are performed in an easy, graceful manner and with no apparent effort at effect. Will H. Fox in his popular Paddywhiskie ville, Ky., last week. For a week or Will R. Fox in his popular Paddywhiskie plano comedy is as good as he ever was and wins a great deal of applause by his demands have been formulated, though

The men concede the right of the manager to discharge any dishonest employes. These demands have been adopted by the local union and a resolution authorizing a strike in case of refusal of the trust to concede them has been adopted. As the Louisville demands have been presented, action upon them will necessarily govern this point.

A meeting of the executive board of n Louisville at national headquarters, nd President Henry Fisher left here Sunday to attend. The tobacco workers are well organized and financially strong and claim to be able to call out the men in nearly every factory operated by the trust, should that necessity arise. The men are determined and prepared for a strike, which they say will certainly follow should the Continental Company refuse to accede to their demands

empt to evade the issues raised.

The Catlin Tobacco Company, one he trust factories, has advertised This caused some commo among the members of the union, but they claim it will have no appreciable effe

#### CURRENT HUMOR. An Expert at Mendacity.

(From the Indianapolis Press.)
"Talk about intelligence," said the Expert Liar.
My automobile actually ran into the barn and
id when an old fron dealer came along." Too True.

(From Harper's Bazaar.)

Nodd-How do you like your country home?

Tood-H's a great place. The only drawback is that I can't sell it.

The Only Sure Kind. (From the New York Weekly.)
Lady—I want a dog that will look terribly
fierce, but won't ever bite.
Dealer (meditatively)—I guess you'd better get
an iron one, mum."

# Social Diplomacy. (From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.) Yes, that cheeky young Wintergreen made a nd of the haughty Mrs. De Young the very first e he met her."

'Low did he do it?"
"He asked her if her hair wasn't premature

#### Becoming Generous. (From the Boston Transcript.) Greene-Funny about the magazines. Gray-What's funny?

Gray-What's funny?
Greene-That they should put so many pages coading matter between the advertising pages.

# Owned Up.

(From Brooklyn Life.)

Witherby—Now, my dear, I shall be perfectly andid with you. I am going down to the club onight to play poker and have a high old time. Mrs. Witherby—That's just like a man! You night at least have led me to suppose you were more on.

The refusal to accept a beer that you kno impure and unhealthful will show that ve

### NOTES OF THE DAY.

Out of 750 samples of wine analyzed at the

Kansas, and Nevada. There are three States in the Union where there

California sends \$1,000,000 worth of canned fruit During the century a total of about 19,000,000

have come from foreign countries to make ome in the United States. In 1800 there were 903 postoffices in the United states and 1.875 miles of postal routes. In 1899 here were 75,000 postoffices and 497,000 miles of

The French Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs is making arrangements which will enable every resident in Paris to have a telephone in his or her apartment for  $\mathfrak{L}2$  a year. South Carolina is making progress in the line of

South Carolina is making progress in the interesting its rising generations. On the public school enrollments in the State there are 126,395 white pupils and 185-602 colored.

The city of Detroit, Mich., tried standard time for just one week. Then the common council voted to abandon it and return to local time, regardless of railroad time tables.

Both of the sons of Thomas Jefferson were mem-pers of Congress from Virginia while he was President. One of these was Thomas Mann Ran-iolph and the other John W. Eppes. The chance of two fluger prints being alike is not one in 64,009,000,000. No one is prepared to dispute the assertion, and none wants to go into a calculation which will prove its correctness.

The St. Petersburg Municipal Council has decided to issue a loan of £1,500,000, of which £410,000 will be devoted to the telephone servece and £200,000 to the enlargement of hospitals. Among the wonders of the last century may be entioned the fact that in 1800 there was not a

59,000,000 chickens in the United States, and that

In the city of Frankfort small German or Dutch bysters in the shell cost from 60 to 72 cents per lozen. Some resident Americans occasionally have barrel of American oysters sent by their friends

No man's head can be used on a postage stamp while he is alive. No vessel belonging to the Uni-ted States can be named after a living mail, even in the class where the names of naval heroes are alone employed.

A veterate provision dealer is authority for the tatement that nothing will draw rats like sweet potatoes. They seem to be able to smell this toothsome vegetable from afar, and will come in droves wherever sweet potatoes are stored.

Automobile drivers are about as rapacious as the ld-fashioned ordinary cab driver. One who re-William Ricketts has just completed his thirtyfifth year as mail carrier and coach driver between Rising Sun and Aurora, Ind., missing but two weeks on account of sickness in all that time. The total distance he has traveled in this way is

Attempts will soon be made by California vegeble growers to put fresh asparagus on the n ket in London and in other places in Great Brit-ain. It is expected that the California product will compete with French asparagus, which is sent to England in large quantities.

just closed is smaller probably balan ever before.

An official of the New Yor'z Maritime Exchange thinks, this is due to the fact that sailing vessels are disappearing, steam craft being better able to take care of themselves when in peril. Georgia has led the United States in textile

beorgia has see the Conted States in texture mill building during the current year, with North Colonia a close second and South Carolina in hird place. The two Carolinas still have each a arger number of cloth factories than Georgia, but he latter is stendily forging to the front. Mayor-elect Poor, of Haverhill, Mass., is a gen uine workingman-a shoe cutter by trade, who has orked for years at the bench, and has saved a the core petence from his earnings. Before the wn of Bradford was annexed to Haverhill he ade a record there as selectman for uprightness

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia Legis lature to empower the State Commissioner of Agriculture to inspect proprietary medicines and decide upon the qualities. Objection is made to the proposed measure on the ground that no layman is competent to decide whether a medicine is valuable or not when even doctors disagree.

In London there is difficulty in getting enough oys to serve as messengers, so the expebeing made of employing girls. Some of the mes-senger girls are demure damsels of seventeen summers and are said to be quicker than the boys in delivering messages and answering calls. It will be interesting to watch the development of

Three months have passed since the formal open

anker who died several years ago and money vithout stint is behind it. German papers relate that Capt, Baron Holzing German papers relate that Cupt, Daton Holzang ecently covered a distance of mint and a quarter miles on horesback in twenty-five minutes. He was racing with a railway train from Graben to the neighborhood of Carlsruhe, and beat it by eight minutes. His horse had been especially trained for the ride, having been fed on a prepared food, instead of oats, for weeks.

Cumberland county, Me., has elected a sheriff The Pope's army is but a small force nowa

The Pope's army is but a small force nowa-ys, and when the whole contingent turned out it review at the Vatican recently there were but 0 all told. There are five divisions—the Guar-a Mobile, to young aristocrats from stanchly crical departments; 190 so-called Swiss Guards, me of whom are Italian mountaineers; 109 iece of the Guardia Palatina, and the Papal indexines, and 30 fremen. Sada Yacca, the Japanese actress who was heard

imber at L. C. Beem's mill, Richwood, Ohio, the

In western Kansas some of the cou ies have been depleted by the payment of \$3

ounty on coyote scalps. These animals are taken in this manner: The coyotes are decoyed by a owing rooster in a cage, placed on a prairie ninence, and from the guiches below the sportsen with shortnu slaughter the wolves. Another can is to drag a piece of meat through the grass a circle. When the coyotes come upon the eat the hunters shoot them.

A Harvard student who hails from the far West is making a record for economy in his endeavors to obtain an education. Thrown upon his own re-sources, he has been acting as waiter in the stu-dents' dining hail, and he has lived for a year on a diet which averages 15 cents for three meals a day. He has grown stout on this diet, and has carned a scholarship by his attention to his books and promises to rank as one of the highest in the graduating class next June. making a record for economy in his endeavors

Henry Fitzalan Howard, the Dake of Norfolk, asily the most important Roman Catholic in the world outside of the hierarchy. He is the pre-nier duke of England next to the princes of the blood and has numerous titles of great dignity. For many years the duke has figured prominently in all the great Roman Catholis affairs in which England has taken part. He was the special envey of the Queen with gifts and congratulations to the Pope on the occasion of his jubiles in 1887, and in 1893 he headed a band of pilgrims who went to the state celebration of St. Peter's.

Dr. Herbert Howe, of Chamberlain Observatory, lenver, is collecting data concerning the largest neteor seen for more than thirty years. It was bserved December 8 between 3 and 4 o'clock in afternoon. Reports come from both sides of Rocky Mountain divide as far north as Sara-It appeared nearly as large as the mo as incandescent. When apparently i North Park, Col., it exploded with acco-phynomena resembling an earthquake.